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For: COMPRESSION RINGS FOR COLUMN RELIEF IN CONTINUOUS COOKING  
VESSELS

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Sir: **SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE**

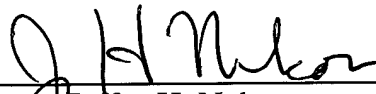
Further to the Amendment of October 28, 2003, attached is a complete copy of  
previously cited Canadian Patent Application 2,243,733.

All claims are in good condition for allowance. If any small matter remains  
outstanding, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned. Prompt  
reconsideration and allowance of this application is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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